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SUBJECT: CLOSING OF LIVORNO NEWSPAPER 'IL TELEGRAFO'

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1. EDITORS, JOURNALISTS, TYPOGRAPHERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF 'IL TELEGRAFO' HAVE BANDED TOGETHER AS A 'COOPERATIVE' IN ATTEMPT CONTINUE PUBLICATION THIS NEWSPAPER. DELEGATION MET JULY 30 WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS MONTI ORGANIZATION AND OBTAINED PERMISSION ATTEMPT CONTINUE PUBLICATION AS COOPERATIVE FOR NEXT THREE MONTHS. IN EFFECT, THIS MEANS THAT COOPERATIVE GROUP MAY USE OFFICES, PRINTING PRESS CORRECT TO PRINTING PLANT AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR THIS THREE MONTH PERIOD FOR THE NOMINAL PRICE OF 1,000 LIRE PER MONTH. LARGEST IMMEDIATE PROBLEM FACING COOPERATIVE IS RAISING FUNDS FOR PURCHASE NEWSPRINT ONCE SMALL SUPPLY NOW ON HAND IS USED UP.

2. 'IL TELEGRAFO' HAS CONTINUED PUBLICATION SO FAR WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. COOPERATIVE GROUP IS NOW SEARCHING FOR NEW PROPRIETOR. ALL EMPLOYEES HAVE TAKEN WAGE CUTS IN ATTEMPT KEEP PAPER ALIVE UNTIL NEW PROPRIETOR CAN BE FOUND.

3. EDITOR AGAIN APPEALED TO CONSUL GENERAL TO REQUEST
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ASSISTANCE OF AMBASSADOR BASED ON HIS QUOTE PERSONAL

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FRIENDSHIP UNQUOTE WITH MONTI (REFTEL).

4. COMMENT: DESPITE PARADING OF OPTIMISM BY COOPERATIVE SPOKESMEN, GENERAL CONSENSUSIS THAT THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL OF THIS NEWSPAPER. GORDON

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